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HOUSE RESOLUTION 225
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Florence Wilson Smith
for her remarkable service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary person is Florence Wilson Smith, who has distinguished herself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the loving daughter of the late Kermitt and Tyree Wilson, Florence Smith is a graduate of Holloway High School of Murfreesboro; a sterling scholar, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Trevecca Nazarene College of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith serves with acumen and alacrity as an Education Assistant at Cason Lane Academy; in her seven years of employment with Murfreesboro City Schools, she has earned the respect of her students, peers, and superiors for the exemplary quality of her work; and

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WHEREAS, a talented seamstress, Florence Wilson Smith is the owner of the Edianta Boutique where she expertly designs clothes, sews, and makes alterations; and

WHEREAS, Florence Smith has dedicated her time and energies to many community organizations and programs, including being a vital part of Stand for Children, Delta Sigma, Theta, Inc., Rutherford County Democratic Woman, the Venus Chapter #61 of the Central District #3 and Excelsior Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Prince Hall Affiliates, White Dove #185 of the Order of the Golden Circle of the Prince Hall Affiliates, and the William H. Butler, Sr. Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, a well respected leader in her community, Ms. Smith is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Care Day Care Center and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Bradley Academy Historical Museum, the Executive Committee and Life Member of the Murfreesboro Branch of the NAACP, and the Rutherford County Board of Directors for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful member of the Berry Chapel AME Church in Lynchburg, where she sings in the choir and stalwartly serves as a member of various boards and auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, an avid fan of the Tennessee State University Football Team, Florence Wilson Smith has traveled far and wide to support and cheer on the team at each of their football games; and

WHEREAS, Florence Smith is a loving and devoted mother to her three children, John Ernest, D. Rochelle, and Benny, and her three grandchildren, Cherise Allen, Jessica Smith, and Kenya Andersen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; her life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Florence Wilson Smith for her significant contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Florence Wilson Smith for her meritorious service to Murfreesboro City Schools, commend her steadfast service to the citizens of Rutherford County, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.